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The New Britain Museum of American Art’s founding in 1903 entitles the institution to be designated the first museum of strictly American art in the country. With particular strengths in colonial portraiture, the Hudson River School, American Impressionism, and the Ash Can School, also not to mention the important mural series The Arts of Life in America by Thomas Hart Benton, the Museum relies heavily on its permanent collection for exhibitions and programming, yet also displays a significant number of borrowed shows and works by emerging artists. The singular focus on American art and its panoramic view of American artistic achievement make the New Britain Museum of American Art a significant teaching resource available to the local, regional, and national public.

Availability: Internship availability is dependant upon the needs of Museum departments

Time Commitment: minimum of 12-15 hours/week, full-time optional. May be required for additional special events depending on departmental needs. Internships run for approximately 2-4 months, summer session from the end of May or beginning of June through mid-August.

Compensation: Interns may receive academic credit or volunteer their time. For academic credit Intern must provide and coordinate all materials and contact information with their university advisor and museum sponsor. To Apply: Interested students may apply by returning the Internship Application. Completed with, cover letter, and resume to the Manager of Visitor and Volunteer Services or for curatorial internships to the Assistant to the Director. All applications must be received by the deadlines detailed below. After applications are received, the Manager of Visitor and Volunteer Services will contact applicants to schedule an interview.

Application Deadlines
Start Dates
End Dates

Fall: July 1
Fall: September 6
Fall: December 12

Spring: November 15
Spring: January 15
Spring: April 10

Summer: April 1
Summer: June 2
Summer: August 30

*Applicants will be notified 3-4 weeks after the application deadline.